

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-02-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 4, 2002
Business Meeting: February 5, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss draft final report on 2 Emerging Services—Dark Fiber and Packet Switching and possibly approve for issuance. 2/5/02
2. Qwest CPNI (Customer Proprietary Network Information) – provide follow-up to Commissioners on Qwest CPNI policy issues discussed at previous work session. 2/5/02

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MCI WORLDCOM N2002.1.7 (Leroy)

On January 18, 2002, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal Letter No. 02-03 to change per call rounding for Advanced Option II for Small Business Savings Plan IV and Advanced Option II for Small Business Savings Plan VI from 30 second to full minute rounding after the initial first minute for all in-state Dial-1, Toll Free, Fax, Calling Card and P800 calls. MCI WorldCom is requesting an effective date for this tariff of February 1, 2002.

2. Qwest Corporation Docket No. N2002.1.8 (Scott)

On January 18, 2002, Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 02-04. In this filing Qwest is proposing a Residence CUSTOMCHOICE promotion. Residence customers who purchase CUSTOMECHOICE during the promotion period will be mailed a coupon to verify their name and address. Once the customer returns the coupon, a \$20.00 rebate check will be mailed to the customer. The customer must keep CUSTOMCHOICE in service for 60 days before the check will be mailed. Qwest is requesting the promotion to run from February 11, 2002 through March 30, 2002.

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1. Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co., Docket D98.1.14, Contract Service Rate 35
(Dave B.)

On January 22, 2002, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed its Contract Service Rate 35, Volume 3 Second Revised Sheet No. 23 updated to reflect the terms of the Service Agreement between MDU and Encore Acquisition Inc. The Contract Service Rate 35 for the period March 2, 2002 through March 1, 2003 is 3.414¢ per Kwh down (.062)¢ from the PPI adjusted rate currently in effect of 3.4763¢ per Kwh as approved by the Commission on February 20, 2001 in Order No. 6055a. The most recent Producer Price Index by the Bureau of Labor Statistics used for this agreement is December's 137.2. MDU requests this decrease in rates be effective from March 2, 2002 through March 1, 2003.

2. Central Montana Communications, Inc. Docket No. N2002.1.12 (Ryan)

On January 25, 2002 Central Montana Communications, Inc. submitted a proposal to rebalance local exchange service recurring rates. The proposal intends to reduce business one-party rates to be comparable to rates charged by other carriers in the state and is revenue neutral. The base rate for residential one-party lines will increase from \$13.50 to \$14.50 per month. The residential business one-party rates will decrease from \$24.50 to \$23.50 per month. The business one-party rates will decrease from \$35.50 to \$32.50. A revenue analysis was submitted on January 28, 2002 to illustrate the revenue neutrality of the proposal.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-02-12

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2002.1.7 MCI WorldCom - Transmittal Letter 02-03 - Tariff Revisions to Small Business Savings Plan IV and VI
- N2002.1.8 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 02-04 - Residence Custom Choice Promotion
- N2002.1.9 PG&E Energy Trading - Power LP - License to Supply Electricity
- D2002.1.10 Montana Power Company - Application for Determination on Natural Gas Supply and Supplier Matters Including Assignment of Customers, Designation of Default Supplier, and Status of Supplier Competition (D96.2.22 related)
- D2002.1.11 Montana Power Company - Application for Approval of a Proposed Sharing of Proceeds from Sale of Gas Production and Gathering Properties (D96.2.22 related)
- N2002.1.12 Central Montana Communications, Inc. - Local Network Access Line Service Tariff Revision